Status of Claims

Claims 2, 4-8, 10-13, 16-17, 19-32, 34-38, 40-42, and 44-65 are pending in the application. Claims 1-65 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 3-25, 29-31, 33-40, 42-51, 53-56, 58-60, and 62-65 have been amended.

Claim 61 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 3, 9, 22, 31, 33, 35, 38, 39, 45, 51, 53 and 56 have been amended to distinctively point out the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 4-8, 10-21, 23-25, 29-30, 34, 36-37, 40, 42-44, 46-50, 54-55, 58-60 and 62-65 have been amended to cure grammatical errors and/or informalities.

The Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-65 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Furthermore, the Examiner rejected claim 1 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. (112), second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements.

The Applicants have amended claim 1 and claim 33 and assert that the independent claims as amended point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention, and present a clearer distinction between the preamble of said claims and the body of the claim. The Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. (112).

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-65 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ibrajan Selvarajan et. al. U.S. Patent number 6,279,033 ("Salvarajan").

The Applicants assert that none of Salvarajan's claims teach a method and system for exchanging information messages between two computer terminal nodes, whereby the method includes the following steps in the method and system as claimed by the Applicants in independent claim 1 and 33, respectively, as outlined hereinafter in paraphrase:

"A system/ method for representing content data on at least one of first computer terminal nodes, wherein said content is stored in at least one database server, and wherein the represented content data is defined at a second computer terminal node, said system/ method comprising:

- (a creating application for) creating at least one information message by said second computer terminal node, wherein said information message includes information about at least one of the following group:

    structure of the content data retrieved by said second computer terminal node; query syntax that corresponds to the content data retrieved by said second computer terminal node; navigation techniques according to which said content data has been retrieved by said second computer terminal node; and type of forms according to which said content data is represented;

- (a transmitting application for) transmitting said created information message from said second computer terminal node to at least one of said first computer terminal nodes;

- (the retrieving application) retrieving said content data by at least one of said other first computer terminal nodes from said database server according to said received information message; and

- (a process application) processing the content data retrieved by at least one of said first terminal nodes according to said data information message."

Accordingly, as taught by the Applicants, the transmission of information message from the second computer terminal node to the first computer terminal node causes the content data to be represented at the first computer terminal node in a manner which corresponds to the information message defined at the second computer terminal node.

On the other hand, Salvarajan teaches a method for enabling a single user that is connected via a network interface to synchronously submit reports requests via a network as Salvarajan describes in his first claim, in column 17, lines 60-65. Therefore, Salvarajan

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does not provide a feature that enables content data on at least one first computer terminal node to be represented in a similar way as the content data at the second computer terminal node. Furthermore, Salvarajan teaches only a method for exchanging data between a computer terminal node and a server. Salvarajan does not disclose the exchange of data between two computer terminal nodes.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of independent claims 1 and 33.

Claims 2-32 depend directly or indirectly on independent claim 1, which has been amended to receive status of allowance. Therefore, the rejection of claims 2-32 is assumed to have been overcome.

Claims 34-65 depend directly or indirectly on independent claim 3, which has been amended to receive status of allowance. Therefore, the rejection of claims 34-65 is assumed to have been overcome
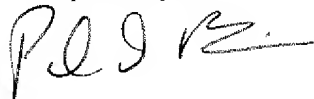
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Response and Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

A fee of $510 is believed to be due for a three-month extension of time. This fee is being paid via credit card. Please charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayments of fees) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket no. 7044-X06-045).

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